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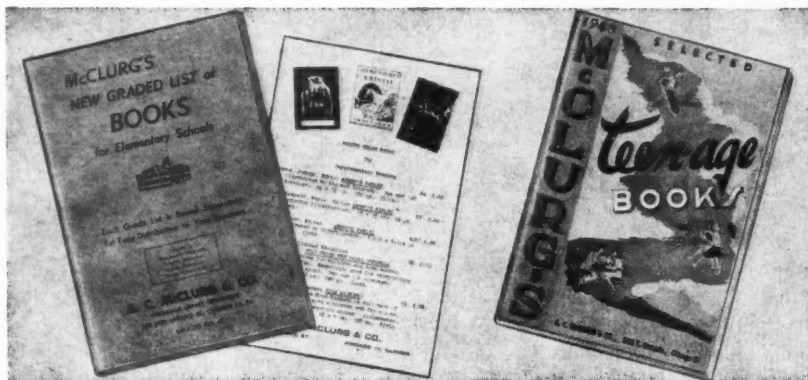
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Report on Legislation

House Bill No. 6 and Senate Bill No. 19 propose abolition of four boards including the State Board for Libraries, and the transference of their functions to the State Board of Education.

The bills are now in the hands of the State Affairs Committee.

M. L. A. and the State Board for Libraries have had hearings with the House State Affairs Committee, and were favorably received.

As this goes to press, no immediate action, other than informing trustees and patrons, seems necessary.

State Aid Bill

The final revision of the State Aid proposals was drafted March 2.

The proposals are to be presented to an interested group of Representatives for consideration.

This seems to be the lull before the storm.

The membership will be notified by mail when action is necessary.

The substance of the State Aid Bill will be distributed when the Bill is introduced, and information on the State Aid Appropriation will be sent out promptly.

What to Do?

Have the names and addresses of your legislators near at hand.

Study the State Aid Bill when it is available.

Explain it to your trustees and patrons.

Write, call or visit your Representatives when you get the signal.

STAND BY FOR ACTION!

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The A.L.A. experiment in Regional conferences in lieu of one big annual conference is taking shape at last. Regional planning Committees have been appointed and the dates and locations are set. (see p. 9 for complete listing). The Mid-West conference is to be at Grand Rapids with headquarters at the Pantlind Hotel and large meetings held in the Civic Auditorium, November 9-12. Before you utter the familiar complaint, "why those dates! they are the worst in the year for our library!" stop and remember the demands put upon the relatively few cities within the region able and willing to be host to a library conference. These were the only dates available except Christmas week! Then turn your attention to any adjustment necessary to get you and your staff to the conference. Michigan, Illinois and Ohio will hold state meetings concurrently with the Regional Conference with most of our state meetings being held on November 9th. We will need a good attendance in order to make the state meeting a financial success as well as a stimulating experience professionally. Since it will be an opportunity for many to attend an A.L.A. conference for the first time conveniently located in the home state and at the same time attend the state meeting we ought to have a record attendance from Michigan. Watch for room reservation announcements in the June issue of Michigan Librarian. One of the high lights of the Mid-West conference is the Newbery-Caldecott dinner which is being held in this region at our invitation because the chairman of the Newbery Committee lives within the region. Announcement of other program features will be given in later issues of the Michigan Librarian.



Michigan has been selected to be the hostess state not only to an A.L.A. Regional Conference but to the first independent national conference of the Catholic Library Association. This conference will take place at the Sheraton Hotel in Detroit April 18-21. The program promises to be of great interest to all concerned with bringing young people and books together.

In another section of this issue you will find the budget for the Michigan Library Association. Please read it through carefully so that you can understand the financial responsibilities which confront us. The response to the letter soliciting extra funds for support of our legislative program has been most heartening. A similar letter has been sent to that part of the membership not reached through public and county libraries. To the reasons for this assessment, stated in the letter may we add that the activities of the Legislative Committee began before the Legislature convened and have increased ten-fold since. The need for funds beyond the normal income from membership is brought about by the active work of this Committee responsible for preventing passage of bills detrimental to library interests and for introduction of those of benefit to libraries. Travel by Committee members and officers to and from Lansing, and publicity are the two items which make the biggest dent in our coffers. If there is to be any State Aid for any one next year it will be through the combined efforts of the Committees involved and your generous financial support. Your assessment is small compared to that of other professional groups involved in legislative problems but your responsibility does not end with mailing \$1.00 to the treasurer. House Bill #6 and Senate Bill #39 propose to abolish the State Board for Libraries (which is largely responsible for the progress of libraries in Michigan in the last ten years) and transfer its functions to the elected State Board of Education. The Association opposes this move in the interest of the libraries in the State. You can help to preserve the entity of the State Board for Libraries by instructing your legislator on the reasons why this bill should be opposed.

It is hoped that by the time this issue is in your hands the new state aid bill will have been introduced. Again you will need to inform your legislator on the nature of this revision and the purpose of state aid even in face of the financial condition of the state. The revisions are forward looking and even if your library does not qualify now, the way is paved for you to secure more local support or to join with other libraries to create larger units of support. The principle governing distribution of State Aid is that of expansion and improvement of library service rather than maintaining the status quo. It is hoped that all of you will attend one of the many early meetings in the various districts planned for group discussion of the state aid bill. Consult your District Chairman if no meeting has yet been called in your area. It is only by full understanding of the support for libraries and the goals they should attain that we can hope to convince the Legislature this year of the state's responsibility in helping libraries which help themselves.

Alice Louise LeFevre

President

SPRING INSTITUTE ON CHILDREN'S READING MAY 12-13 — ANN ARBOR

The program for the 1949 Spring Institute on Children's Reading promises to be an interesting one. Professor Richard J. Hurley of the Dept. of Library Science, University of Michigan, who is Chairman of the Section, announces the following schedule of events:

Thursday, May 12: 9:30 Registration, (\$.50) Kellogg Auditorium.

10:30 The 1949 Spring Books for Children:

Younger children: Miss Merna Robideau, Central Children's Room, Detroit Public Library

Older children: Miss Phyllis Witte, Lothrop Branch, Detroit Public Library

12:30 — Luncheon — Michigan League Building.

Speaker: Mr. Walter Kaiser, Librarian, Wayne County Library, "The Use of Television in Children's Work".

2:30—Panel discussion, "Storytelling for the Modern Age".

Chairman: Laura Steese, Flint Public Library. Discussants: Phyllis Fenner, Plandome Rd. School, Manhasset, N.Y.; Sarita Davis, University Elementary School, University of Michigan; Anne Reeve, Head of Children's Dept., Royal Oak Public Library.

4:00—Tea - Room 110 - University Library, Served by the Dept. of Library Science.

7:00—Dinner - Michigan League Bldg.

Speaker: Phyllis Fenner, Author, Critic, Librarian. "What's New for Children"

PHYLLIS FENNER

Friday, May 13:

9:30 Business meeting—Kellogg Auditorium.

Special reports: 1) State Library Report. 2) Review of discussion on ALA Fourth Activities Committee Report.

1:30 Meet the Authors—University Elementary School Auditorium.

Margaret Bradfield; Jean and John George; Marian W. Magoon.

3:30 Tea—University Elementary School, Student Library Council, University High School.



THE LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION BILL

(S.130 - H.R.874)

The Federal Library Demonstration Bill (S.130 - H.R.874) which has been introduced in the 81st Congress is an improved version of the Bill which was unanimously approved by the Senate in the last Congress but failed to receive a final vote in the House of Representatives.

The new Library Demonstration Bill provides for several new features: (1) it provides for the training of personnel at the beginning of the demonstration period by means of institutes or short courses, (2) it provides for a minimum demonstration grant of \$40,000 a year, instead of the \$25,000 provided in the previous Bill, and (3) it provides machinery for the withdrawal or reduction of Federal funds in case a State decides to abandon or reduce the demonstration program. There are also minor changes designed to strengthen the position of the State Library Agency and to protect the use of Federal funds for demonstrations.

A detailed question and answer analysis of the Bill appears in the Congressional Record of February 15, 1949, on pages A 823-A 824. Representative Wright Patman in this analysis states that "The main objective is to stimulate interest in State-wide library service and to encourage State and local interest in libraries. The bill will give librarians an opportunity to study the most effective means of providing library service to rural areas. The com-

munities where demonstrations are set up will be expected to continue library service after the test period is over, thereby stimulating their neighbors who have no libraries to establish them . . . After a community has had library service available thru a demonstration, the citizens will vote to keep the service . . ."

The Library Demonstration Bill (S.130-H.R.874) is expected to pass the U.S. Senate by March 1, 1949. This fast action is due, in no small part, to the excellent cooperation of librarians, trustees and friends all over the country. Now, our big job is to get the Bill moving in the House. Everyone is urged to write to Representative Graham A. Barden, Chairman, House Sub-Committee on Education and Labor, and to Representative John Lesinski of Michigan, a member of this Committee, to request early hearings on the Bill. Letters to these Representatives and to your own Representative should be most effective in bringing the Bill up for a favorable vote. Letters to these and other Representatives should be addressed to them at the House Office Building, Washington, D. C. It is important that ALL members of Congress be asked to support the Bill and your letters will help to make this possible.

Charles M. Mohrhardt, Chairman
M.L.A. Federal Relations
Committee

DATES SET FOR 1949 DISTRICT MEETINGS

District No. 1—at Sturgis (Klinger Lake Country Club) May 4

Chairman: Mrs. Lavera Trask, Public Library, Albion

District No 2—at Ann Arbor (Rackham Bldg.)—April 14

Chairman: Homer Chance, Public Library, Ann Arbor.

District No. 3—at Royal Oak (Public Library)—April 22

Chairman: Josephine A. Smith, Fordson High School, Dearborn.

District No. 4—at Allegan (Griswold Community Bldg.)—April 29

Chairman: Ruth Warncke, Kent County Library, Grand Rapids, 9.

District No. 5—at East Lansing (People's Church)—May 6

Chairman: Alma Huggins, Public Library, East Lansing

District No. 6—at Petoskey—May 12.

Chairman: Elsa Struble, Public Library, Mt. Pleasant.

District No. 7—at Sault Ste Marie (Public Library)—May 14

Chairman: Frances Meade, Carnegie Public Library, Ironwood.

March 1949

HUMAN RELATIONS IN RECENT CHILDREN'S BOOKS

by Martha Bennett King, Children's Book Editor, Chicago Sun-Times

Social turmoil has been gaining momentum ever since I can remember. Ways of life have been changing abruptly for millions of people. Dislocations of every sort have taken place. Tensions between peoples of different color, different religions, different occupations, different nations have taken every form from snobbishness and discriminations to hot and cold wars. Restlessness, unhappiness, frustration, actual misery touch far too great a proportion of our population even to the well fed. Life seethes with hostilities on every level. Dreams and aspirations for a better life have not been banished. They have been lost in the bewildering emergencies of the moment. Adult hates and despairs and prejudices, as well as love, are being transmitted to our children and insuring more confusion in human relations. We need to find ways to redirect the futile, negative, socially harmful attitudes. We cannot hope to erase them but we can learn how to immobilize them, as we have learned to handle traffic situations.

Fortunately, as problems in human relations become more complex, psychologists and sociologists have been amassing facts about why people feel and think and act the way they do. These facts have not been sufficiently organized into usable techniques for effecting new trends, but we are isolating the germs.

It takes time to organize for good, while organization for evil can be achieved almost overnight. Hitler demonstrated the speed with which masses can be controlled through fear. The psychology of terror preceded the mass of barbaric acts. We haven't learned how to control through love. But I think we will. The odds seem almost overwhelming for the control over natural forces has outstripped control over human forces so completely that death for all civilization can come in our time. The challenge is thrilling.

When we talk of improving the world, we almost invariably say, "the hope of the world lies in our children." We place our faith in the abstract principle of education. We often believe that the mere reading of books, any books, is assurance that everything is going to be all right. Children are so eager, so sensitive, so receptive. Children are cap-

able of absorbing such an endless number of facts about the world they live in. These things are all true but I am wondering whether we have overlooked the fact that children cannot be separated from adults and that the mere accumulation of facts does not go hand in hand with their translation into rules of action.

Children bring to the reading of books many deeply entrenched opinions and attitudes which reflect their parents and the adult members of their own groups. The books they read reflect the opinions and attitudes of adult writers. If useful values in human relations are to come from reading, all adults who write and evaluate books must understand the process of accepting new ideas. We must understand how attitudes acquired in the earliest years, before one can read, can direct opinions and actions throughout life. We must understand the difference between emotionally-backed opinions and opinions acquired through reasonableness. Even when we understand, we will be face to face with the adults who have never grown up socially. They appear in every group from housewives to senators. They often wield power because of their position, but they have failed to grow beyond their false, selfish, emotionally-backed attitudes. They keep chain reactions of trouble vibrating within families, communities and nations. Their children carry their torches. How can we work around and beyond those adults whose dangerous attitudes — dangerous because they are dressed in such a respectable way — will prevent all development of the human race? How can we counteract their effect on children through books?

We can only discover new methods and techniques through a careful study of psychology and sociology and through turning the spotlight courageously on ourselves, checking our own words whenever they reflect unthinking, stereotyped, hand-me-down notions. Until we have new tools we will continue to have a pleasant time with books but we will have contributed nothing to an advance in the charting of better human relations. Perhaps I should not make such statements until I am a trained psychologist and sociologist myself.

Unfortunately I will never be either, but I am a perfect example of the problem. How can an adult whose personality was formed in childhood learn to look within herself and check her own false and harmful attitudes, her own smug opinions which she is inclined to defend at any cost? I don't know the answer. But I believe that the desire to try may help one to scare up the means. I know that unless we all try, we're using words about human relations as if they were aspirin, we're just lulling ourselves to sleep.

This question of emotionally-backed opinions is a practical place to start our thinking. We can actually hear them expressed at the breakfast table, while we work, in every meeting. They're easy to spot in others once you begin. They're harder to detect in yourself because you have a lot of unconscious ways of defending yourself. It's quite natural. From the moment we're born we insist on being comfortable. Physical and emotional security are the first and most permanent of our human needs. We have some original fear also. From the moment we're born, every contact with another human being is an experience in human relations. During every day of our growing up somebody is shaping our opinion of other humans and human contacts. Long before we know it, we're the product of the family, the religious, the racial, the economic groups to which we belong. Our natural inclinations are molded and shaped every hour of the day and even the night. Our sudden and violent emotions are too frequently suppressed without being resolved. The steam appears to be gone but it remains in the teakettle to erupt in many future ways. We do not get our early ways of action through words but through feelings. Children may hear the words but the really important thing is the feeling they hear behind the words. The most potent influence in their lives is love, love shown themselves, love between the people who surround them. And there can be no deception. Regardless of the adult understanding of words and formalities, children judge the tone of the words, the facial expressions.

So a child adopts the words and attitudes of his group and because he wishes to feel secure, to be unified with his own, there is often unusual emotional content attached to the attitudes he accepts and carries on. Later he comes to believe he has acquired all of his thoughts through the magic process of going to school. He can't understand that he is

often being driven by attitudes which he adopted without knowing it.

For example, I can tell when any of my emotionally-backed opinions are challenged, because my emotional temperature goes up. Instead of talking calmly or objectively, I lose my sense of humor and talk excitedly or with cool, vicious thrusts. I defend myself without logic and with many rationalizations. I also toss up a barrage of trite phrases which would make me shudder if I were to hear them repeated on a record. A friend of mine hid a wire recorder during a party one evening and was lucky enough to catch a heated discussion between his wife and another guest. Later he accused them of making certain statements and laughed when they vowed they had never said such things. The record was a shock. In fact his wife said she was never going to speak again until she understood exactly why she used the words and phrases she used daily. She is deep in psychology and semantics at this moment.

One key to controlling the present is to understand the hidden springs of action which are in every human. The hopeful thing is that while the early years are the most significant in the forming of personalities, the process of learning need never stop. All most of us need is the courage to be honest about ourselves, to evaluate ourselves in the light of social facts rather than in the tinted mirror of social myth.

Children's books can play a vital part in redirecting human energies. I'd still like to approach specific books and classifications in a round about way because I thoroughly believe that the daily contacts we have with children as we suggest books, or even sign them out of a library, are as vital as the vicarious experiences to be found inside the books. Also, it doesn't hurt us to think about our jobs in a fresh way. It's so very easy to become too comfortably familiar with the routines. So I'd like to report some of the devious ways in which I've been approaching this question of human relations in books.

When I was asked to speak at the fall meeting of the Illinois Library Association, I was frankly baffled by the subject "Human Relations in Children's Books". I tried not to show how puzzled I was by saying "What do you mean, human relations?" Inge Boye, the chairman of the section, implied that she thought the audience would be interested in the new books which treated specific and current intergroup problems . . . WILLOW

HILL . . . TRADITION . . . CALL ME CHARLEY. She also asked me to limit my talk to 20 minutes because Howard Pease was the star of the program.

Whenever I begin to think about a specific assignment, I get myself into a frightful muddle. To begin with, I read too much. I get a desperate feeling that I have to know everything at once. Like Kay, in the story of the Snow Queen, I start trying to solve the riddle of the universe, to put together the puzzle which would spell eternity. I found myself racing through such books as *RACE AND DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY* by Franz Boaz; through Wendell Johnson's *PEOPLE IN QUANDARIES*; through *BLACK METROPOLIS* which proved to be practically an entire course in sociology. I reread Ethel Alpenfel's *SENSE AND NON-SENSE ABOUT RACE* and Dorothy Baruch's *GLASS HOUSE OF PREJUDICE*. I discovered the papers of the 1946 Intergroup Education Workshop at the University of Chicago. The library in the American Brotherhood headquarters was crammed with fascinating material. Everywhere there was striking and stimulating evidence that many different kinds of people were writing and thinking and experimenting with social problems. I could see it would take the combined conclusions of anthropology, psychology, sociology, philosophy, history, economics, and semantics to form the speech which I wanted to make. Imagine the poor audience swallowing such a dose even if I could have created a twenty minute capsule condensation.

I reluctantly began to look for something simple and practical, some formula which could be used as a starting point for mapping new and better routes of human interaction. Then something rustled in my memory and I found myself thumbing through old copies of *HORN BOOK*. There it was, January 1945. Howard Pease himself had written an excellent and very simple article about books which dealt with social problems. Instead of being pleased, I landed squarely in the midst of a second form of torture. What could I say that hadn't been said well already? There was nothing left to say. I decided to call the whole thing off. But a small mocking voice said, "Okay. If everything's been said, why is the world in such a free for all mess?" It wasn't all said. We were only beginning. It would take everything Howard Pease and every other intelligent, sincere, person in the

country could say before we arrived at any new goals.

I began to reread children's books, to try to analyse what Doris Gates, Florence Grannell Means, John Tunis, Marguerite de Angeli, Lois Lenski, and many others had contributed. What had they said in their stories and how had they said it? Would the meaning of the stories actually be caught by readers? Would they have a clearer understanding of people different from themselves? Would it mean anything in terms of their own everyday human relations?

I began to think of the books usually assembled to encourage better understanding, the biographies, the folk tales, the stories of children in different parts of the world. Then I lined up the very few books which tackled a close-to-home social problem directly and honestly. Why were there so few of them? or had I been blind to them until now? I began a quick review of the years I had been working with children and books . . . since the twenties when books began to flow off the presses in large numbers for the first time. In college I had persuaded the education department to allow me to carry out a special project with books. I worked with groups of children from wealthy private schools, from suburban and city public schools, from settlement houses, and in camps, trying to find differences in reading interests. I can't recall a single social-problem book from that era. Later, when my own children could go to Nursery School, I worked in that school and did graduate study in child psychology, holding read-aloud and story hours for the neighborhood children. I think it quite natural that I couldn't recall problem books for those little children. But later I became a story teller in a large public school system, demonstrating my theory that there should be trained story tellers in all schools just as there were trained music supervisors. I knew children would have a much more human approach to the Indians and Chinese and Eskimos they were studying about if they could also hear their folk tales and stories. But where were the problem books? I haven't gone back over all the catalogues. I'm speaking strictly about my own memory of books.

Later I became the director of an International Library for children during Chicago's World Fair. We had books in some 26 languages and arranged our books according to

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Tentative Program

A. L. A. MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Grand Rapids, Michigan

November 9 - 12, 1949



Grand Rapids (Mich.) Civic Auditorium

Wednesday, November 9:

- Morning — State Executive Boards.
Meeting: Leigh, Public Library Inquiry.
- Afternoon—General Session: Name Speaker, to be announced.
New Members' Tea.
- Evening — Joint dinner for all Library Schools, Work-shops, Training courses, and others who wish to attend. This is to be a general get-together dinner and entertainment.

Thursday, November 10:

- Morning — 9:00-10:00 Arranged tours to American Seating Co; Baker Co. Display; Furniture Guild Galleries; Widdicomb Furniture Co.
10:30- State Associations Meetings.
- Afternoon—Meeting: Leigh, Public Library Inquiry.

- Evening — Meeting: Summary of Leigh, Public Library Inquiry.
Reception Sponsored by Grand Rapids Librarians' Club.

Friday, November 11:

- Morning — 9:00-10:00 See Thursday.
10:30- State Associations Meetings.
- Afternoon — A.L.A. Council Meeting.
- Evening — Newbery-Caldecott Award Dinner; Trustees Dinner; Division of Cataloging and Classification Dinner.

Saturday, November 12:

- Morning — 9:00-10:00 See Thursday.
10:30 Section Meetings.
- Afternoon—General Session: Name Speaker to be announced.

Additional plans include a meeting with Virginia Kirkus; Audio-Visual sessions; A.C.R.L. and S.O.R.T. meetings.

THE LIBRARY'S ROLE IN ADULT EDUCATION

The greatest contribution of the Library to adult education is made through work with the individual. The function of rendering personalized attention and services to individual needs is unique with the library. This work is valuable because it furnishes information, facts, and reading guidance, it provides book lists and materials to meet the individual needs. The most pressing need is to make these materials and services easily accessible through branch libraries, clubs, schools, bookmobile stops and any such outlets as may make it convenient for the individual borrower.

Following, is a brief outline of additional activities through which the library may continually function as an adult education agency:

1. The promotion of in-service training of library personnel on both state and local levels.
2. The service of library personnel on state and local co-ordinating councils and advisory committees.
3. Providing materials and guidance for study groups.
4. Service as a center where adult education groups can meet.
5. Promotion of activities to increase the use of library materials—books, films, records, etc.—through exhibits, book reviews, film forums and story hours.
6. Assistance in organizing program-planners institutes which would provide help and guidance in formulating programs on the level where the need is greatest.

HUMAN RELATIONS IN RECENT CHILDREN'S BOOKS (Continued)

countries. Around 2000 children a week came into our spot on the Enchanted Island and actually read books. We also had about 1500 adult visitors weekly. I became firmly convinced that books and more books about all kinds of people would save the world. I certainly didn't insist on any specific social problem books, I don't even remember any. There were always stories of personal adjustments to lack of money. There were tales furthering the myth that there is virtue in poverty, that the wealthy are not to be envied though of course they are definitely superior beings. There were stories of adjustment of physical handicaps and to sudden uprootings

WESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE

The first group of library science students to be assigned to the Campus School Library at Western will begin work next semester under the supervision of Miss Helen M. Green, the librarian. The library serves both the elementary and the secondary pupils and teachers of the Campus Schools. This provides the second practice center for the Department of Librarianship, the first being at the Paw Paw School Library under the supervision of Miss Marie Gudde, librarian. Students in the County Library program have been assigned practice work in, Muskegon, Kent and Ingham County Libraries through the cooperation of the librarians, Kay Wilson, Ruth Warncke, and Alta Parks.

The Department of Librarianship Western Michigan College and the Kalamazoo Public Library were pleased to be selected as observation points by the American Library Association for a foreign visitor this winter, Miss Johanna Wolff, Chief Children's Librarian, Public Library at The Hague, Netherlands. Miss Wolff was in the country on a UNESCO fellowship to study methods of work with children and the training of children's and school librarians. She was a delightful visitor. Another foreign visitor was sent to study methods of training of school librarians in Kalamazoo also, Miss Nancy Booker of Sidney, Australia. Miss Booker is librarian of the Teachers' College at Sidney and was travelling on a Carnegie Fellowship.

when papa headed for greener pastures but these were things to laugh and cry over and feel inspired about. Certainly there wasn't anything which would offend or make the people of my comfortable middle class uncomfortable. Even the stories of newcomers to the country were vigorous and virtuous. Only the best elements were recognized and these promptly became prosperous citizens on lush Iowa farms. Actually the stories of people have been excellent stories. I am only pointing out that, in the confused world of today, stories cannot continue to be always selective or in defense of the views of special groups. Greater variety is inevitable.

Excerpts from an address delivered at the Spring Institute on Children's Reading, April 30, 1948, Kalamazoo.

MLA. SCHOLARSHIPS

The M.L.A. Scholarship Committee met February 15 in Lansing to formulate plans for the year. There are two scholarship funds from which awards are made.

Scholarships to the four summer library workshops will be available from the first fund. The workshops are scheduled as follows:

Waldenwoods, Hartland

June 13-17, 1949

Camp Shaw, Chatham

June 27-July 1, 1949

St. Mary's Lake, Battle Creek

July 11-15, 1949

Higgins Lake, Roscommon

July 25-29, 1949

Applications for scholarships should be sent to Mrs. Grace Burgett, Chairman, M.L.A. Scholarship Committee, Michigan State Library, Lansing 13.

A loan from the 2nd fund, the Constance Bement Scholarship Fund, may be had for professional library study. As much as \$300 may be borrowed at 1% interest with no time limit on repayment.

Recipients of this award must be:

1. residents of Michigan
2. candidates for a degree in library science in a library school accredited by the A.L.A.
3. or individuals who have maintained a high standard of scholarship and show promise of making contributions to the profession of librarianship.

Scholarship funds are still so meager that loans of sufficient size to encourage people to go to library school cannot be made. With two loans in force at the present time the fund now has a balance of only \$1,035.60. Your contribution to this fund will be welcome. Send your check to

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KALAMAZOO

A committee headed by William Chait, chief librarian, Kalamazoo Public Library, has been responsible for the organization of the Kalamazoo Film Council.

The Film Council is designed to serve as a central clearing house for organizations and individuals interested in the use of film as an informational and educational medium.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LIBRARY CONFERENCE

The Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago announces that the 1949 Library Conference, to be held August 8-13, will deal with the reports of the Public Library Inquiry.

This Library Conference of the University of Chicago will provide the first opportunity for public libraries to discuss the findings and results of the Inquiry. Each of the major reports of the Inquiry will be discussed by a panel of three members: a librarian expert in the field, a social scientist, and the staff member of the Inquiry responsible for the report. Among the topics to be considered are: the government and political position of the American public library, library finance, use of the public library, the role of films and recordings in library service, the personnel of the American public library, library techniques and processes, the book publishing industry, government publications, and the general report of the Inquiry. The plan of the Conference is not simply to present the findings and recommendations of the Inquiry but rather to consider their validity and their implications for library service.

A detailed program for the Conference will be available in March or April, 1949.

MUSKEGON

On September 15, 1948, Miss Blanche Robertson retired as head of the Reference Department of Hackley Public Library, after having served in that position for 20 years. During the past two years, she also served as Assistant Director of the Library.

Under her direction, the Reference Department was built up to a high degree of excellence, and superior reference service was rendered to library patrons.

Miss Robertson has moved to Lemoore, California, where she lives with a relative.

Miss Florence A. Harnau, assistant reference librarian for two years, has been appointed to the position of head of the Reference Department. A native of Muskegon, Miss Harnau is a graduate of the University of Michigan and of Western Reserve School of Library Science. In addition to several years of experience in various departments of the Hackley Library, she has done school library work in Akron and Lakewood, Ohio, and Evanston, Illinois.

M. L. A. RECRUITING COMMITTEE

Who needs a trained librarian either to fill a vacancy or to add to the staff? The Answer: almost every board of public library trustees and every board of education in Michigan! In every type of library and in every part of the state the scarcity of librarians is so acute that the development of library service is seriously curtailed. Recruiting for librarianship has become a basic problem for everyone concerned with libraries. Unless good recruits are obtained and obtained quickly, almost all other attempts to improve library service become wasted effort.

This is the considered opinion of this year's M.L.A. Recruiting Committee, and, the committee believes, of most other librarians in the state. So the question is "What can we *do* about it?"

At its first meeting in December the Recruiting Committee answered the question in this way: 1. Since we need so many trained people at once we should concentrate this year on those groups most nearly trained now. In other words, library school students, teachers, and college students. 2. The most successful approach is the personal one, that is, we need to see that prospective recruits have a chance to meet and talk with alert, enthusiastic and attractive librarians. 3. Because so few people have seen good libraries in action, we need to supplement our talks with up-to-date, human interest pictures of all types of library service. 4. To cover the field thoroughly we need to enlist the cooperation of all counselors and school administrators, all library groups, and all individual librarians and trustees.

To date the committee has set itself the task of

1. Requesting other sections of the M.L.A. such as school librarians, junior librarians, salary, staff and tenure, etc., to organize an active sub-committee on recruiting.
2. Planning an organized approach to the colleges and other groups outside the library profession to provide a chance to reach all potential recruits in a favorable situation.
3. Organizing a speaker's bureau to make possible this intensive coverage.
4. Acquiring a collection of pictures of Michigan libraries in action.

Where do you come in? The success of the Recruiting Committee's work depends upon the extent of your cooperation. You can help by offering to let the committee take pictures of some activity in your library; by accepting an invitation to speak both in your community and surrounding area on the opportunities in library work in Michigan; by personally contacting your own library school Alma Mater; by personally contacting teachers or college students and anyone else you know who would be good recruits. And by making sure that the people you meet each day realize that you yourself find librarianship a stimulating and satisfying career. You can also help by letting the Recruiting Committee know of your recruiting activities. However small they seem to you they are nevertheless important. The Recruiting Committee can better fulfill its responsibilities if you help to keep it informed.

—Jeannette Johnson, Chairman
M.L.A. Recruiting Committee

TRUSTEES WILL BE HONORED AGAIN

Mrs. A. J. Quigley, the new Chairman of the A.L.A. Jury on Citation of Trustees, announces that the Committee wishes recommendations for the annual citation of Trustees for the year 1948-49. These recommendations, with supporting evidence should be sent to Jury on Citation of Trustees, A.L.A. Headquarters, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago (11) Illinois. The nominations must be in not later than May 1, 1949, and preferably earlier.

Those who may send in names to be considered are: Library Boards, Individual Library Trustees, State Library Extension Agencies, State Library Associations or the A.L.A. Trustees Division.

The work of Trustees of large and small libraries to state and national library activities as well as service to the local library are given equal study and consideration.

Please notify the Executive Secretary of M.L.A. in case of the following: 1—Change of Address. 2—Failure to receive the Michigan Librarian. Address Mrs. Melba P. Haight, 604 N. Kalamazoo Ave., Paw Paw.

GLADYS D. FOWLE

The entire staff of the Grand Rapids Public Library was deeply saddened by the death of their co-worker, Mrs. Gladys Fowle, on Friday, February 4. Her death came, at the age of 45, after a five month illness with a heart ailment.

Mrs. Fowle was well known in the literary and church circles of her native city. She had charge of the interracial branch library in Henry School. For a number of years, she also served as hospital librarian at Sunshine Sanatorium, Butterworth and St. Mary's Hospitals. She had the gift of friendship, to a rare degree, and her cheerful presence will be sadly missed by her many friends in library circles and in the community groups in which she had long been active.

SUMMER SESSION

The fourth summer session of the Department of Librarianship, Western Michigan College of Education will open June 27, 1949. The Department is accredited by the American Library Association. The program is designed for specialization in either school or county library service and the full curriculum can be completed in three or four consecutive summers. The following courses will be offered in 1949:

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Curriculum Enrichment

3 semester hours credit

Opportunity for observation in the new Campus School Library and in other libraries in the area will be provided. The faculty will consist of the Director, Miss Le Fevre, the librarian of the Campus School Library, Helen M. Green, and two visiting instructors, Dr. Florence R. Van Hoesen, Professor of Library Science, Syracuse University and Miss Edna Ballard, Director of School Libraries, Lansing, Michigan. For further information about enrollment please write to Miss Alice Louise Le Fevre, Department of Librarianship, Western Michigan College of Education, Kalamazoo 45, Michigan.

STATE BOARD FOR LIBRARIES

On November 29, 1948, Mr. John J. Porter of East Jordan was appointed to the State Board for Libraries by Governor Kim Sigler.

Mr. Porter is the President of the East Jordan Canning Company, and has also served as the President of the East Jordan Library Board for several years. He is keenly interested in library development for the northern part of the state, and has participated actively in the growth of the Trustees Section of the Michigan Library Association.

The election of officers took place at the January 1949, meeting of the State Board for Libraries. Mrs. Dorothy T. Hagerman, Grand Rapids, was elected Chairman, and Mrs. Florence B. Dearing, Hartland, Vice-Chairman. Other members of the board are: Mrs. George G. Hunter, St. Johns; Helen Warner, Battle Creek; and John J. Porter, East Jordan. Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan, State Librarian, Lansing, serves as Secretary of the board.

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TRI-STATE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Tri-state Planning Committee which was organized at Green Bay, Wisconsin last summer, met in Chicago January 19 to discuss methods of selecting an area for a multi-county unit of library service. Members of the committee are Zona K. Williams, chairman, on leave of absence from Michigan State Library to study at the University of Chicago; Jean Johnson, Extension Division, Michigan State Library; Anne Farrington, State Library Commission, Wisconsin; Emily Mayne, Extension Division, Minnesota, and Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan, State Librarian, Michigan, as ex-officio member representing the A.L.A. Planning Committee for the Midwest Region.

At the Chicago meeting the committee decided that the representative for each state should appoint a sub-committee in her own state of people whose knowledge and experience would be helpful in library planning; for example, sociologists, political scientists, tax specialists.

April 8th the Tri-state Planning Committee and each of its sub-committees will meet at Milwaukee to discuss library demonstration plans in these three states in more detail. The meeting will be open to any librarians, trustees or others interested in such planning.

Jeannette Johnson
Member, Tri-State Planning
Committee

CATHOLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEETING

Marking the opening of Catholic Book Week, Feb. 20-26, The Michigan Unit of the Catholic Library Association met at St. Gregory's School, Detroit, on Sunday, February 20. Approximately 150 members attended the meeting under the chairmanship of Sister M. Petronia, Fel OSF. A varied program was presented for the group.

Miss Louise Rees, School Library Consultant, Michigan State Library, who spoke on the "Value of good school libraries" emphasized the need for such libraries regardless of their size. Stating that such undertakings required organization as well as interest, Miss Rees pointed out how libraries can be guides to better citizenship for boys and girls.

Miss Mary Schutz, former librarian of the Van Antwerp Catholic Library, outlined the history and purpose of this organization, and pointed out that as a Catholic Information Centre it provides a definite service which public libraries do not fully cover.

Miss Martha Schoeneberger, Ecorse Public Library, addressed the group on the subject of "American folklore in children's literature".

Sister Mary Winifred, SSJ, assistant librarian at Nazareth College, discussed the value of libraries in the field of Vocational Guidance counseling.

Miss Miriam Wessel, of the Children's Department of the Detroit Public Library, spoke on the subject "Good books versus comics".

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MICHIGAN TRUSTEES PROGRAM

In 1935, the State Board for Libraries began a program of work with trustees unique in library history, made possible through the generous gift of \$25,000.00 from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The fund was for a three year experimental program to see if such work would bring specific results. Miss Evelyn L. Parks, of the Michigan State Library extension division, was chosen to carry out the program.

A series of state-wide institutes, regional and county-wide conferences for library trustees and meetings with individual library boards and board members was instituted. More than half of the trustees of the State, together with other civic minded individuals, took part. Through these, the library trustee has gained a greater interest and understanding of his work and responsibility. After three years experiment, the project has definitely proven itself.

Much of the success and accomplishment of this program is to be attributed to the untiring efforts of Miss Parks. It is regrettable that in spite of the value of the work the state budget authority and the finance committees of the legislature did not recommend appropriations to continue this program. Miss Parks' work, therefore, ended on February 12 of this year. She has returned to Greensboro, North Carolina because of illness in the family. The Extension Division of the Michigan State Library will carry on as much as possible of this work along the lines which Miss Parks developed. Inquiries concerning the trustee work should be directed to Miss Eudocia Stratton, Head of the Extension Division, Michigan State Library.

McHALE MEMORIAL FUND

A memorial book fund is being established at the University of Michigan in honor of Professor Cecil J. McHale whose death occurred on November 2nd. It will be used to establish a basic book collection of general reading for students in library science with emphasis on social and political thought. Friends of Professor McHale who wish to contribute to the fund are asked to send their contributions to the Department of Library Science. Checks may be made out to the University of Michigan.

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KALAMAZOO PUBLIC LIBRARY PERSONNEL REGULATIONS

A code of staff regulations was recently adopted for the Kalamazoo Public Library by the Board of Education, its governing body.

This code was prepared by the following committee of the Staff Association: Lillian Anderson, Lois Ingling, Eleanor Mason, Gladys Miller, Eleanor Ricker, Jeanetta Sagers, and Janet Teale, with the Chief Librarian, William Chait, acting as Chairman. The code was submitted to the entire staff for point by point discussion and approval before being sent to the Board of Education.

38 Hour Five-Day Week

The regulations place all full-time library employees on a 38-hour five-day week. Staff members are given work credit for six legal holidays and the library will be closed on those days.

Overtime

A staff member may not have more than fifty hours of overtime to his credit at the end of any month. Any time accumulated above fifty hours must be taken off by the end of the month in which it was accumulated or lost.

Vacations

An annual vacation of 20 working days is allowed all professional staff members. The same vacation is allowed sub-professional staff members employed before June 30, 1948. All other sub-professional and clerical workers are allowed an annual vacation of 10 working days during their first five years of service. This vacation allowance is increased to 15 days in the fiscal year following the fifth anniversary, and 20 days in the fiscal year following the 10th anniversary.

Sick Leave

Sick leave with full pay is credited to each employee at the rate of twelve working days a year beginning with the first day of the fiscal year. Sick leave with full pay may be accumulated to a total of 36 days in a current sick leave account. All additional sick leave which accumulates is transferred to a reserve sick leave account, which is paid at half pay rates.

Retirement

The Michigan Teachers' Retirement Fund Law covers all employees of the library, a deduction of five per cent being made from each employee's salary, up to \$3,600 per annum, as the employee's contribution to the fund.

The compulsory retirement age for all employees of the library is set at 70. The compulsory retirement age will be lowered to 65 beginning July 1, 1954. Extension in employment beyond the retirement age may be made only at the request of the librarian to the Board of Education, such extensions not to be made beyond the end of the month in which the employee reaches his 70th birthday.

Qualifications for Employment

The regulations stipulate that no staff member may be classified as a professional librarian unless he has completed at least one full year of library science at a school accredited by the American Library Association. All appointees to sub-professional and clerical positions must have a minimum educational qualification of four years of high school.

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By

Thomas Davies

Jr's in Detroit and Grand Rapids have elected officers and committee chairmen for 1948-49. Those elected are:

Detroit

Forrest Alter, Social sciences dept., Detroit Public, Chairman,
Mary McNamara, Henry Ford Hospital Library, Vice-chairman,
Frances Geddies, Business office, Detroit Public, Secretary,
Helga Herz, Social sciences dept., Detroit Public, Treasurer,
Jeanne Marie Norris, Butzel Branch, Detroit Public, Chairman program committee,
Mary McNamara, Henry Ford Hospital Library, Chairman, membership committee,
Jeanne English, Mark Twain Branch, Detroit Public, Chairman, Committee on Recruiting.

Grand Rapids

Margaret Walters, President,
Berniece Stocks, Vice President,
Margaret Keefe, Secretary-treasurer.

The Detroit Junior's started their 1948-49 program with a Hallowe'en party at the Central YWCA on October 29th. Alice Lytle headed a committee which arranged all the traditional touches of the season for the party. Continuing the activities of the Detroit group, forty-three made a tour of Cranbrook Institution, Bloomfield Hills, on Sunday, November 21st, under the guidance of Miss Catherine Whitehorn, Librarian at Kingswood School, Cranbrook and Acting Librarian at the Art Academy and Institute of Science Libraries. The group visited all four of the Cranbrook libraries, the Art Museum, the Institute of Science, and studios at Kingswood School. Afterwards, they enjoyed a delicious buffet supper in the Faculty Club at Kingswood. After the supper, Miss Whitehorn told about

the trip she made to Great Britain and France last summer. Bringing activities up to the new year, the Detroiters viewed the Actor's Company production of Lillian Hellman's *The Children's Hour* on December 19th.

For 1949, the Detroiters have on their calendar, a musical program, a trip through the studios of the Jam Handy Organization, a Valentine party, a trip to either Toledo or Ann Arbor, and a Sunday picnic breakfast. Forrest Alter writes, "We will be expecting the other Michigan Juniors here in Detroit at the Spring Rally for which the Detroit Juniors will be hosts. The exact Sunday in May will be announced later." (ed note: writ in Jan. if we don't get snow pretty soon—the Detroiters might get a chance for a late winter snowball party in May.)

The Grand Rapids Juniors have entered the Quarrie Corporation Recruiting Contest. Part of the entry they submitted included the materials used in a Vocational Conference for Young People in GR last spring.

By the time this reaches print, ye ed, will have changed positions. Feb. 14th, he started as librarian of the Lenawee County Library with the main office at Adrian—so, send your notes about Junior activities to me there.

Among the Juniors who attended the Mid-winter ALA in Chicago were William Quinly and Margaret Keefe from Grand Rapids.

The Detroit Juniors assisted the Local Arrangements Committee at the 1948 MLA convention by serving as aides. They were the ones who would not let you in to the meetings until you had displayed your registration cards.

De Lyle Runge and Betty Farrel were named to the nominating committee of the Grand Rapids Librarians Club. Jr's can take a bow—two of the three places on the nominating committee.



by Mrs. Beulah I. Bock

We're glad to welcome to Michigan, Mrs. Eloise P. Brown who has joined the staff of the Ann Arbor Public Library, Circulation Department. Eloise was formerly in the Roxboro Branch of the Cleveland Heights Public Library, Cleveland Heights, Ohio where she was known to her many friends as M. Eloise Parr.

Mrs. Jane C. Owen has also gone to the Ann Arbor Public Library. Many of us remember her as Jane N. Curtis at Edison Elementary School Library, Detroit. Both Mr. Brown and Mr. Owen are attending the University of Michigan.

Recent visitors to the Grand Rapids Public Library included William Chait, librarian of the Kalamazoo Public Library. Mr. Chait brought along his staff to inspect the new addressograph cataloging equipment recently installed in the Grand Rapids Public Library. This installation has engendered a great deal of interest in the library field and the librarian has received a number of postal inquiries about the new system. Don, you may be swamped with visitors and barraged with postals after this!

De Lyle Runge, Director of Public Relations at Grand Rapids Public, says there will be no shortage of short pencils for library patrons for many years to come. The library was recently the recipient of a large carton from Herpolsheimer's, a local department store, filled with pencil stubs. Estimates on the quantity of pencil stubs in the box varied between 5,000 and 10,000—and that's a lot of pencils!

We are sorry to hear that Wilma Bennett, Wisconsin Library School and before that M.S.C. Library, had been ill. She has now sufficiently recovered to take a position as High School Librarian at Lowell, Indiana.

Mrs. Marian Hurcomb has joined the staff of the Reference Department of the Flint Public Library beginning January 3, 1949. Mrs. Hurcomb has had 16 years experience in the Public Library of Springfield, Missouri, the library of Drury College, as Army librarian and as librarian of Kingston Seminary in Pennsylvania. Welcome to Michigan, Mrs. Hurcomb, and the M.L.A.!

Geraldine Ferring has deserted us for the sunny climes of California. Perhaps after those snow storms you'd like to come back to Michigan, Geraldine! Miss Ferring used to be librarian at University High School, Ann Arbor and is now Librarian of Napa (California) Junior College.

Librarian of the Bay City Public, Ann Ballou, advises that all staff members should not be vaccinated at the same time. It's just so many shots, so many reactions and so many changes in schedule! Did Professor R. J. Hurley, University of Michigan, who is surveying Bay City Public escape?

Members of the Grand Rapids Junior Members group were a bit disappointed when their entry in the Quarry Recruiting Contest did not take a prize award. One consolation, however, their entry was included among the half dozen or so that were placed on exhibit at the Chicago Mid-winter ALA conference. Cheer up, G.R.'s, if at first you don't succeed, try, try again!

Beatrice Prall, Librarian of the Public Libraries of Saginaw writes that the *Survey of Saginaw Libraries*, made by the graduate Library School of the University of Chicago is just finished. It is a sort of Blueprint for future growth and development. Miss Prall says that every few weeks throughout the year, several students from the Graduate School would descend on them with long sheets of

paper covered with hundreds of questions. One staff member said she was asked everything but one question and that question was why did she hold the pencil in her right hand! Miss Prall was delighted to find out that she had the nucleus of an excellent staff; and the survey showed up also that they should have twice the professional staff and three times the clerical. But no information was given as to where to find these people or how they were to be paid, Miss Prall adds.

"Sojourning" in Florida is Dorothy Hansen, who says that Florida is having wonderful weather. Dorothy, so are we—just like summer in Michigan!

Revised plans are being made for the East Lansing Public Library — the library has grown so in the waiting period — that the old plans are not large enough.

Dorothy Dowsett, Librarian of the Jackson Public, tells us that Susannah Metcalf, an assistant in the Circulation Department, left January 15 to become a readers' advisor assistant in the Lawson McGhee Library, Knoxville, Tennessee. We're sorry to lose you, Susannah, but the best of luck on your new job!

Mrs. Yunek (Jean Lentz), Chief of Circulation, also left on January 15. She retired to become a homemaker.

Dorothy says they are very anxious to start their neighborhood library, but until she can find enough help to man the main library, she doesn't dare start a new project. Sounds familiar, n'est-ce pas?

An even half dozen librarians from Grand Rapids Public Library left for Chicago to attend the ALA Midwinter Conference. The same number returned—all enthusiastic about a conference that really proved quite different from most Midwinters. Those who attended were: Mrs. Dorothy T. Hagerman, Alberta Massingill, Katherine Madigan, Margaret Keefe, William Quinly and Donald W. Kohlstedt.

A little boy asked for the book about three boys something like Snap, Crackler, and Pop. Alta Parks, Ingham County Library, produced a Snipp Snapp Snurr story and he was satisfied.

Our East Lansing Librarian, Alma Huggins, has decided to stay home—first—she gets in a wreck attending MLA, then Christmas vacation gets caught in the blizzard in Iowa going out, and coming back the engine on the train breaks down, so that's why we didn't see you at Mid-Winter!

The Grand Rapids Public Library now is the proud owner of a shiny panel pick-up and delivery truck. Donald K. Kohlstedt and De Lyle Runge recently took delivery of the truck from the War Assets Administration in Detroit and drove it back to Grand Rapids... a good day's work since the truck was secured without cost under the WAA donation program. Best of all, the truck is in good condition.

For once it is wonderful to be so old! Betty Palm's mother is 89 and was the star performer on "Breakfast in Hollywood" one day. The telephone lines of the Lansing Public Library were tied up with calls from Betty's friends to tell her about her mother. She even had a long-distance call.

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There were many familiar faces at ALA Mid-winter and one banged-up nose. The nose is mine and wouldn't you like to know how I really got it? Ann Farrington looking as chic as ever and Supervisor of Rural Library Extension in Wisconsin.

Augusta Gienapp, formerly of the Lansing Public, and now in Urbana, Illinois. The bright and perky face of Mary B. Keenan, Librarian, Prince George's County Library, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Virginia Summers and Helen Warner looking very smart in clothes that are definitely "what the well-dressed librarians are wearing." Those gals get around! We still want to hear about the trip to New Orleans.

Children's Librarians very much in evidence were Marion Young, Detroit, Frances Burnside, Grand Haven, Louise Singley, of course, Laura Steese, Flint, Alice Louise LeFevre, our President, Mate Graye Hunt, Beulah Bock, Lansing and Mildred Walker Adams. Yes, Mildred is a former Children's Librarian.

Carroll Moreland, better known as Bud, was quite disturbed concerning matters in the reorganization of A.L.A. You will remember Bud as the Law Librarian a few years ago when library legislation was uppermost in our minds. And it still is! Bud is now at the University of Pennsylvania and lives in Philadelphia.

Irene Hayner formerly Librarian at University High School, Ann Arbor, and now at the University of Minnesota looked as charming and pleasant as ever.

Fun hearing Helen Clark's wonderful laugh again.

Marjorie Johns, formerly librarian of Kingswood School, Cranbrook, is now at the High School Library, University of Illinois, Urbana.

Remember the bright and shining face of Bill Bartels? Well, he is still a bachelor and writes from Phoenix that the girls down there give him *hand-painted* ties. Watch out with those ties, Bill, or you won't get that library legislation through.

Speaking of faces we have some nice new ones at the Lansing Public—Barbara Aldrich who assists Marjorie Brody Michael and Julia Kirvan and Gloria Bouwman in the School Department. Irma Thompson has been transferred to the Boys' and Girls' Room where the work is never caught up and one gets so awfully, awfully tired by six o'clock.

Irma Thompson who works with me in the Childrens Room interrupted to tell me that a 12 year old boy just asked her "if a hen laid an orange, what would the chickens say?" Ans. "Look at the orange mamma laid."

Formerly Campus School Librarian at Western Michigan College of Education, Mrs Gertrude O'Connor is now an Illinois High School Librarian.

Edna Linzey Paulson, formerly of Ramsay, Michigan and now with the State library, has finally found an apartment.

Now that the ceiling of the Law Library has been cleaned up, the future looks brighter to Charlotte Dunnebacke.

We're glad you are back to work again, Eudocia! Eudocia Stratton, Head of the Extension Division at the State Library, has been quite ill with pneumonia.

Radio has taken Aileen Lindbert from the Lenawee County Library. She is Public Relations Director at the Adrian station and also has her own program called "Homes in Harmony." Aileen is to be succeeded by Thomas Davies from the Ionia Public.

Great Books Discussion as sponsored by the Adrian Public Library is proving very popular, Emma Sihler reports. They have 34 members. Allan Seager author of "The Inheritance" is one of the discussion leaders.

Miss Belle Castle, who retired from the Lansing Public Library the first of January, was honored at a dinner given by members of the staff. Miss Castle was presented with a lovely silver teapot, Belle, we do miss you but we are happy because you are having so much fun.

Recently, a long-time patron of the Flint Public Library got married. His wife came in to get some books for him. She vetoed some suggestions of the staff. The next day he called up and said, "Pay no attention to what she thinks I would like. You know my tastes and you've known me longer than she has."

Children's Librarians in Michigan are very excited because the Newbery-Caldecott dinner is to be held in Grand Rapids in November at our Regional meeting of the ALA. Only tentative plans have been made but we do know that Mr. Frederic Melcher and Miss Virginia Chase will be there. Mr. Melcher is the one who gives the awards, and Miss Chase is chairman of the Libraries for Children and Young People, a Division of the ALA. Virginia is well known in Michigan having been born and brought up in South Haven. She graduated from Michigan State College and from there went to Carnegie Library School. After various positions in the East, she has returned to Pittsburgh to head-up the Work with Children. She will teach at the University of Michigan this summer. Oh yes, her father is Mr. A. B. Chase, a long-time Board member of the South Haven Public Library.

Miss Mate Graye Hunt, Assistant Director of the Department of Librarianship, Western Michigan College of Education will be on leave the summer of 1949 to teach in the School of Librarianship of the University of Washington at Seattle. While in the West, Miss Hunt plans to attend the first of the A.L.A. Regional Conferences at Vancouver in August and also the Writers' Conference which will take place in Seattle in July.

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ATTENTION CATALOGERS

On May 20, the Michigan Regional Group of Catalogers will hold its 1949 Spring meeting at Western Michigan College of Education, Kalamazoo. Miss Le Fevre, President of M.L.A., will speak to the group on "Trends in Education for Librarianship and Recruiting."

Also on the program, will be an explanation and discussion of mechanized processes recently adopted by the Catalog Department of the Grand Rapids Public Library. Librarian Donald W. Kohlstedt and Addressograph Co. representative Martin M. Johnston will explain the processes as they are being adapted to library use. There will be ample opportunity for questions and answers.

Mrs. Fannie Noonan, President of the Michigan Regional Group of Catalogers is tentatively planning for a speaker whose subject will be "The Cataloging of Audio-Visual Materials".

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MICHIGAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

BUDGET - 1949

BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1949:

A. L. A. membership -----	\$ 25.00
Executive Board and Advisory Council -----	300.00
Committees:	
Library Laws -----	\$ 50.00
Elections -----	50.00
Membership -----	100.00
Legislative -----	1,600.00
State Aid -----	150.00
Auditing; Constitution; Federal Relations; Nomination; Plan- ning; Publications; Salary, Staff & Tenure; Scholarship; Staff Associations; others -----	200 00
Total -----	\$2,150.00
Districts -----	150.00
Sections -----	300.00
Michigan Librarian -----	2,000.00
Office Expenses -----	500.00
Executive Secretary -----	750.00
Conference -----	300.00
Contingent fund -----	638.44
TOTAL -----	\$7,113.44

ESTIMATED INCOME - 1949

Balance in Bank December 31, 1948 -----	\$2,854.44
Including all accounts as follows:	
Original scholarship fund -----	\$ 187.71
Bement memorial fund -----	1,035.60
Packard Trustee Fund -----	442.89
Total -----	1,666.20
Cash balance of general M.L.A. funds -----	1,188.24
Dues, personal -----	\$3,600.00
Dues, institutional -----	407.50
Conference (Loan to be repaid after Regional meeting) -----	150.00
Michigan Librarian, advertising -----	700.00
Subscriptions and sale of copies of The Michigan Librarian -----	32 70
Michigan Library Directory, Advertising and sales -----	10.00
Gift -----	25.00
Contributions for Legislative program -----	1,000.00
Total -----	\$1,917.70
GRAND TOTAL OF ESTIMATED FUNDS FOR 1949 -----	\$7,113.44

NOTICE—May 1 is the deadline for the June MICHIGAN LIBRARIAN. Please send all copy typed, double-spaced and in duplicate.

THE EDITOR

MICHIGAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1948.

Balance in the treasury, January 1, 1948 ----- \$ 3,461.12
(Including \$187.71 Scholarship, \$1,035.60 Bement and
\$442.89 Packard Funds)

RECEIPTS

Dues		
Personal -----	\$3,316.00	
Institutional -----	407.50	
Total -----		\$ 3,723.50
Conference 1948		
Exhibit Space -----	805.00	
Registration & Meals -----	1,780.55	
Total -----		\$ 2,585.55
Districts		
District Three registration fees -----	83.49	
District Four Registration fees -----	22 62	
Total -----		\$ 106.11
M.L.A. Directory, Advertising & Sales -----		64.53
Michigan Librarian		
Advertising -----	627.94	
Subscriptions -----	18.00	
Sale of Copies -----	14.70	
Total -----		660.64
Packard Trustee Fund -----		1,002.00
Gift -----		25.00
Contributions for Legislative State Aid Program -----		105.00
Total Receipts -----		8,272.33
GRAND TOTAL -----		\$11,733.45

DISBURSEMENTS

A. L. A. Membership -----		\$ 25.00
Committees		
Library Laws -----	\$ 31.74	
Elections -----	52.75	
Membership -----	85.36	
Auditing; Constitution; Federal Relations; Nominating; Plan- ning; Public relations; Salary Staff and Tenure; Publica- tions; Staff Associations and others -----	291.62	
Legislative -----	591 24	
Total -----		\$ 1,052.71
Districts -----		243.06
Executive Board and Advisory Council -----		533.51
Office Expenses		
Treasurer's bond -----	12.50	
Clerical aid for officers -----	15.15	
Postage and Express -----	93.30	
Stationery and Supplies -----	223.95	
Telephone and Telegraph -----	30.00	
Total -----		374.90

March 1949

Michigan Librarian	1,941.10
Sections (Including Directory)	1,069.60
Conference	2,700.60
Scholarship	64.40
Packard Trustee Fund	531.40
Executive Secretary	342.40
Total	8,879.00

RECAPITULATION

Total receipts including all funds	\$11,733.40
Total disbursements January 1 - December 31	8,879.00

Balance December 31, 1948	2,854.40
Scholarship Fund	\$ 187.71
Bement Memorial Fund	1,035.60
Packard Trustee Fund	442.89
General M.L.A. Funds	1,188.24

TOTAL	2,854.40
Cash balance in bank December 31, 1948	2,854.40

PACKARD TRUSTEE FUND

Cash in bank January 1, 1948	\$ 442.89
Gift Miss Packard October 11, 1948	1,000.00
Gift Scottsville Public Library	2.00

Total	1,444.89
Disbursed 1948	531.43

Total cash balance December 31, 1948	913.46
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AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Board,
Michigan Library Association:

We have examined the receipts and disbursements of the Michigan Library Association for the period from January 1, 1948 through December 31, 1948 and have found the treasurer's books in order and all funds accounted for as follows:

Balance January 1, 1948	\$ 3,461.12
Total Receipts including all funds	11,733.45
Total Disbursements Jan. - Dec. 31, 1948	8,879.01
Balance December 31, 1948	\$2,854.40
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Marion Packard Trustee Fund	442.89
General M. L. A. Funds	1,188.24
Total	\$2,854.40
Cash in Bank, January 1, 1949	\$2,854.40

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Respectfully submitted,
AUDITING COMMITTEE
Robert Armstrong
Francis Scannell, Chairman.

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